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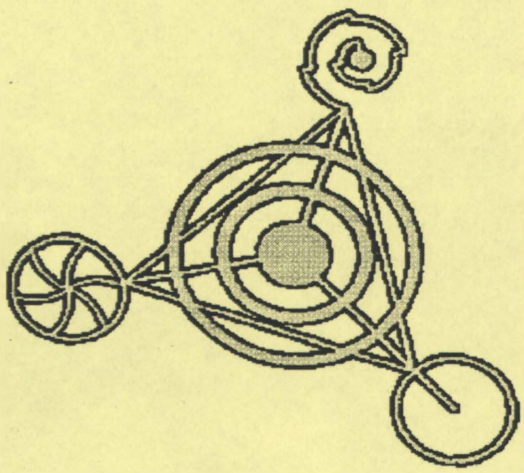

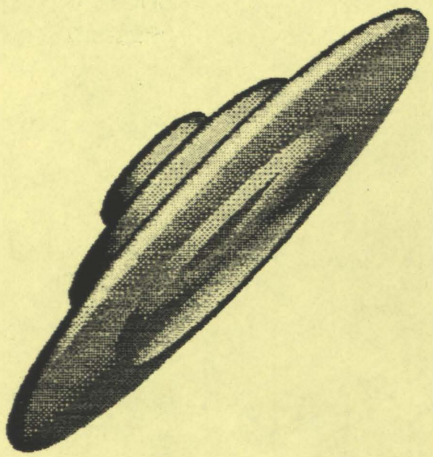

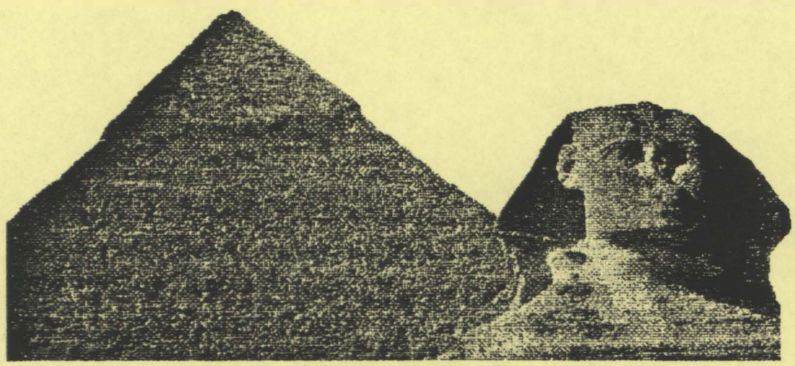

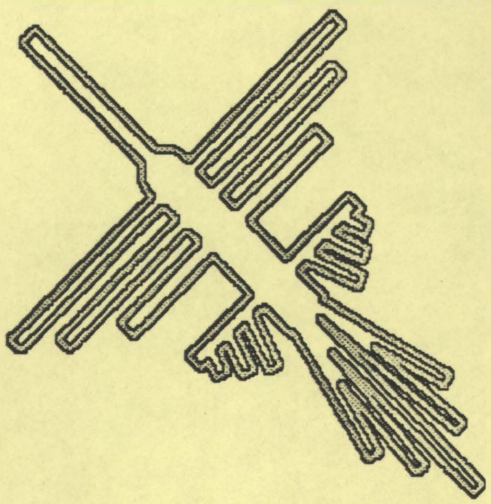

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WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR AND TO OUR NEW FORMAT

We wish our readers good luck in the coming year and with the newsletter now being printed with the aid of a PC, we can promise you an improved publication in the coming months (i.e. as your Editor finds his way around the PC!)

The new cover has been designed by PRA member Garry Stapleton and is intended to show the varied interests of our association. We are active in a variety of subjects although UFO's have been our primary interest for some years. One of our more recent success stories was our involvement in Crop Circle research, which dates back to 1984. Although the origin of many pictograms remain a mystery, we feel that we have the *natural* Crop Circle phenomenon accounted for.

At the request of Mr Shinichiro Namiki of J.S.P.S. (the Japanese Space Phenomena Society) and Editor of the "MU" magazine, we are arranging a tour of this years Crop Circles for a number of visiting Japanese tourists. This is expected to take place about the last week in June and will be undertaken with the kind help of Crop Circle photographer and private pilot, Busty Taylor who lives in Andover, Hants. The Japanese group have also asked to visit a number of ancient sites, including *Stonehenge.*

In this issue we have contributions by a number of new members and two very interesting photographs sent to us by Busty Taylor, who has recently returned from a lecture tour in the USA. The photographs were taken at the time of an incident in Brazil and they are in brilliant colour....as yet we are not in a position to reproduce colour in our newsletter, but the photo's are nonetheless quite impressive, even in black & white!

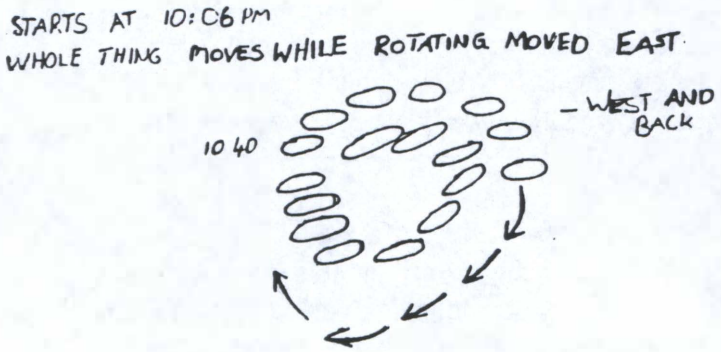
We are also pleased to welcome contributions to the newsletter from Andy Emmerson and Daryl Spence who have recently undertaken a new project "Seek To Discover" in the Mansfield area. This involves the study of FT *(Flying Triangle)* behaviour in the area and geometric analysis of features in local stone circles. Their work looks quite promising and we wish them luck in their new project.

We regret that there will be no PRA meeting this month, this is due partly to the fact that we are looking for a new venue. If anyone knows of a local meeting place that might be suitable, please contact the editor.

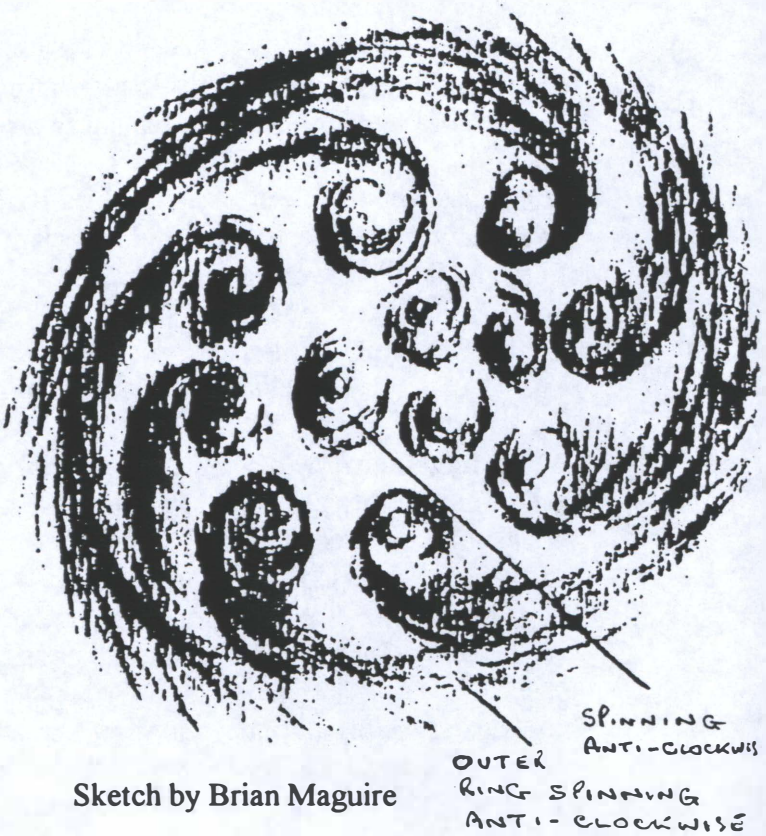
THE FLYING "GAS RING MYSTERY"

On the night of the 26th of May 1995 a fourteen year old schoolboy, Paul Reader , witnessed a number of strange lights flying over his Cosham (Hants.) home. They appeared as a series of spinning white lights moving quickly across the sky in a N.W. direction and at a height of approx. 1,000ft.and believed to making a low humming noise. (Ref: Southern Paranormal Investigations & OVNI - August 1995).

The indications were that this was an isolated incident, but shortly afterwards on the 28th of May, SPI and PRA member Brian Maguire saw and photographed another swirling ring of lights at midnight on Portsdown Hill (just outside Portsmouth). Sketches made by the witnesses of both incidents are shown below.



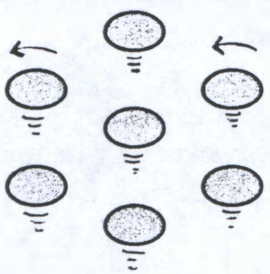
Sketch by Paul Reader



Sketch by Brian Maguire

WARMINSTER SIGHTING 1993

Two witnesses travelling in a car on the *Warmister* to Frome road sometime in 1993, reported seeing a group of rotating lights alongside their car . The outer lights were rotating anti-clockwise, as shown in their sketch. Source: Busty Taylor



CHRISTMAS EVE "ENCOUNTER" ON THE A12 (ESSEX)

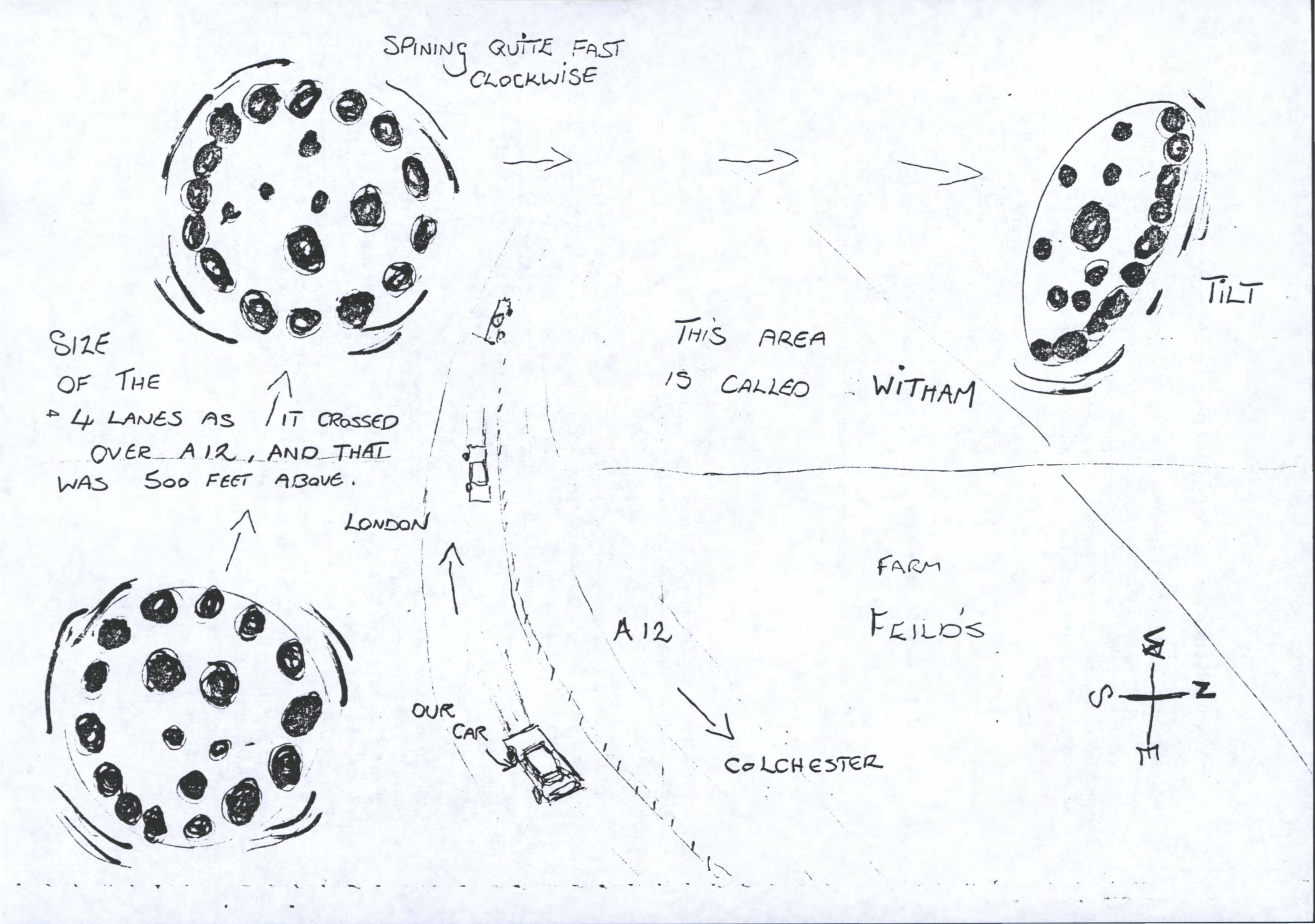
At 6.30pm on the evening of 24th December 1995, Mr Chris Lamb (35) and a friend were driving down the A12 in Essex when their attention was attracted by a group of some fifteen to twenty lights descending through the low cloud. At first they hovered and appeared to be stationary over on the left-hand side of the car, slowly turning in a clockwise direction. The formation was described by Mr Lamb as being "very big". Then the lights began to move in the same direction as the car "travelling with us for about a minute". Then the flight formation passed over the top of the car and hovered over a field on the right of the road. Slowly it tilted downwards, exposing a slight dome-shaped top. The lights then moved away and upwards into the low cloud. (see Mr Lamb's sketch on next page) .

"I had a feeling of shock and felt my skin tingle and my hair stand on end" said Mr Lamb, "then I saw a large tear shaped bright light through a gap in the clouds about five miles away, much to my relief my passenger also witnessed this sighting". Mr Lamb also had a dog in the back of the car, but he was unable to confirm whether there had been any animal reaction at the time as his attention had been focussed on the group of lights overhead.

Mr Lamb later telephoned two police stations and the local newspaper, enquiring if anyone else had reported seeing any lights, but much to his disappointment there were no other sightings. However he did mention that two weeks previously a similar sighting had been reported in the "Braintree & Witham Times". An elderly couple had seen a similar group of lights from their country home and they had described it *"like a flying gas ring in the sky."*

What are we to make of these mysterious lights? UFO's come in all shapes and sizes and certainly a variety of light formations have been observed over many years. We must consider whether the light mentioned in this article could have been some form of natural phenomena, but this seems unlikely as they appeared to be under some form of intelligent control. The photograph taken by Brian Maguire on the South Downs showed a mass of pulsing light patterns in colours of red and pale yellow. There was no sign of anything resembling a series of rotating lights.

Could the witnesses have been observing not a craft, but some kind of intelligence in plasma form? The technology of the aliens is probably thousands of years ahead of us and performing feats which are beyond our comprehension. Remember also that there is not just one alien intelligence visiting the Earth but more in the order of 15 + , some researchers have postulated as many as 50! It is therefore possible that even in the field of alien intelligence, there could be the "nuts & bolts" *Flying Saucers* and other alien craft but on the other hand there could be examples of visitations by a pure intelligence in plasma form. If this is so, the likelihood of any communication interchange could be virtually impossible, something like us watching the behaviour of ants. They may realise that we are watching them, but how could we talk to an ant?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ANOTHER MACKWORTH (DERBY) UFO INCIDENT

On Monday the 11th of December, at about 1.15pm, Mr Dennis Hardwick, the Mackworth correspondent for the *Derby Express* newspaper, received a telephone call from a local resident. The person was very excited and said that he had seen a bright oval shaped object in the sky, NW of the Mackworth Estate.

Dennis quickly located his camera and ran outside his house, looking up in the sky towards the NW. He saw two bright silvery circular objects travelling away from his position and heading skywards "at a terrific speed". The silvery objects, (the one on the right was larger than the one on the left) were heading skyward at high speed and quickly approaching the high thin strata cloud covering most of the sky. Then as they passed into and through the cloud layer, they appeared to punch a hole through the cloud, leaving two "doughnut" holes in the cloud layer.

Mr Hardwick quickly raised his camera and took a photograph, it was too late to catch the silvery objects, but at least he managed to get a photograph of the holes in the cloud. (see photo: the hole effects have been darkened to show up more clearly).

After the event, Mr Hardwick commented "I am not a person to over-react, but this event and the circumstances, I found hard to absorb." "One hesitates to discuss a subject regarding UFO's with your friends, they tend to think that your imagination has run wild., but thanks to the camera I have proof." Dennis continued, "one other person has rung me since the incident, which confirmed what I had seen, but she wished to remain anonymous for fear of being ridiculed."

One of the unusual features of this incident was Dennis Harwick's comment that when the silvery balls disappeared they did not seem to fly away, but to disappear as though they were being viewed through a telescope the wrong way around! The fact that they "punched" holes through the cloud would suggest that they were objects with some substance and not light sources.

1.15pm 11/12/95

AMAZING UFO PHOTOGRAPHS FROM BRAZIL

(Courtesy: Busty Taylor)

The extraordinary photographs on the adjoining page, claim to show a UFO taking off from behind a group of trees. They are believed to have been taken in Brazil in 1991. The well known researcher Busty Taylor passed the photographs to us, he obtained them during a recent lecture tour in the USA.

The photographs purport to show a massive orange & red UFO (sorry we can't print it in colour), rising up from behind a group of trees alongside the highway. Apparently there has been extensive UFO activity in the area and on this particular occasion the witness was driving along the road when he saw the huge UFO hovering low over the ground. He stopped his car, grabbed his camera and jumped out of the vehicle. He took the first of two photographs as the massive UFO was beginning to rise up from the ground. *(Photo 1)*

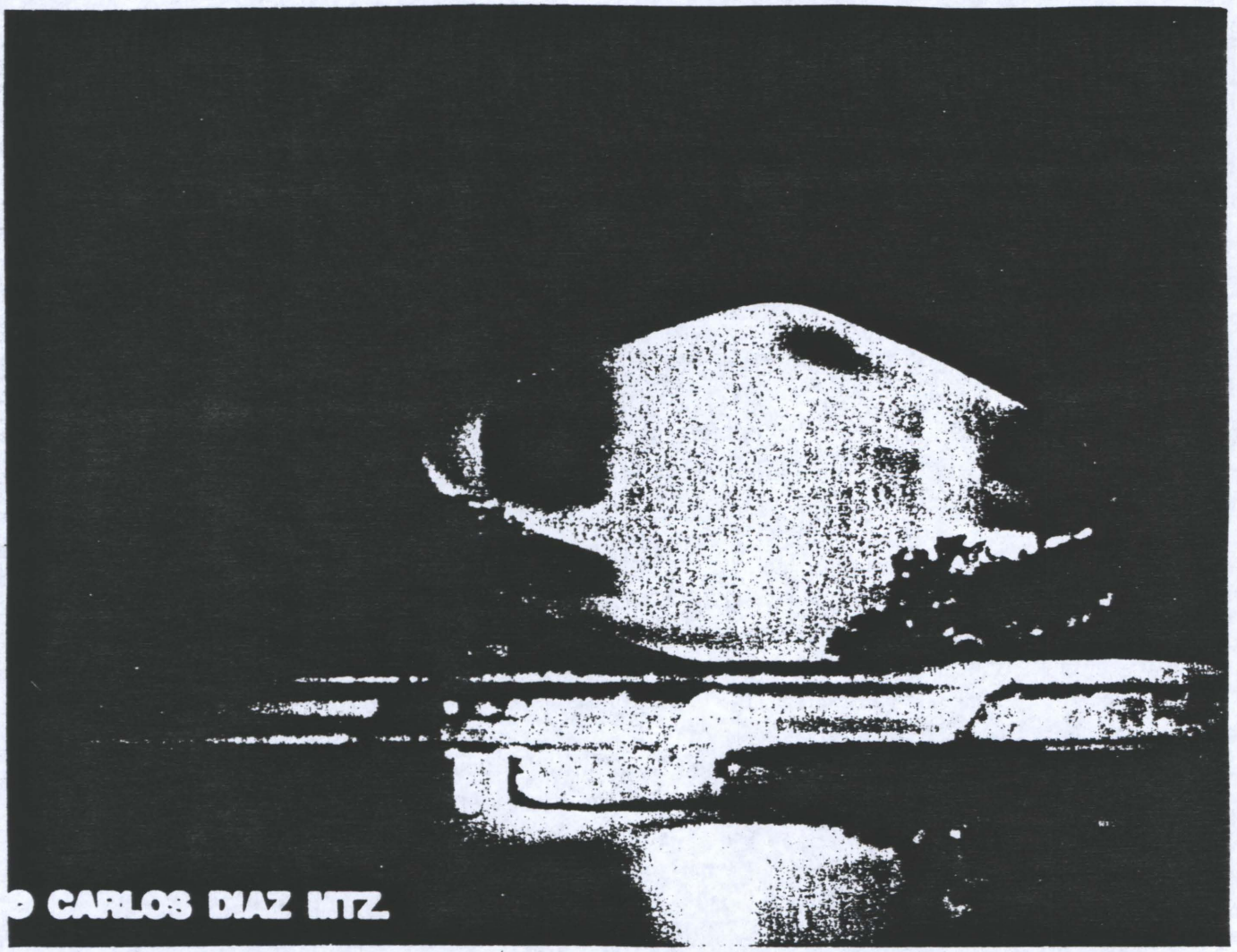
The main body of the object is bright orange, with red area's showing up as dark patches on these b/w photo's. The trees can be seen in front of the object, in silhouette, with their reflection showing on the car bonnet (*foreground*). An "Armco" crash barrier situated on the side of the road, can be seen running across the lower section of the photograph.

In the lower photograph (*Photo 2*) the UFO can be seen moving skyward. Once again, the main body is bright orange, with red glowing sections showing up as dark blotches. In this shot, there is a dark oblong "window" in the centre, with four small "lights" at each corner (*highlighted in white).*

We know few other details about the photographs, apart from the fact that they were taken in an area of Brazil where there has been extensive UFO activity since the 1970's. We understand that the witness who took these two photographs, has also taken a video film of a "blinking" UFO and this has since been shown on the "60 minutes" TV show in the USA.

Are the photographs genuine, who knows? If they are and the reflections and the tree silouhette suggests that they could be, then they show a huge craft, something that appears to be more like a mass of pulsating energy. With such technology, obviously so far more advanced than anything we can imagine, the analysis of the photographs and what they represent is really beyond our comprehension.

Regrettably we have few details about the incident, but we understand that the photographs have been subject to extensive scrutiny and are believed to be genuine. Certainly if they are fakes, then the photographer has gone to extraordinary lengths to produce such convincing prints. The reflections on the car bonnet show the tree branches and the red and yellow hue of the object, there is also the reflection reproduced along the Armco barrier, with the centre brilliantly illuminated in yellow fading out at each end of the barrier. Hopefully we will find out more about this incident, in which case a fuller report will be printed in a future issue of the OVNI .



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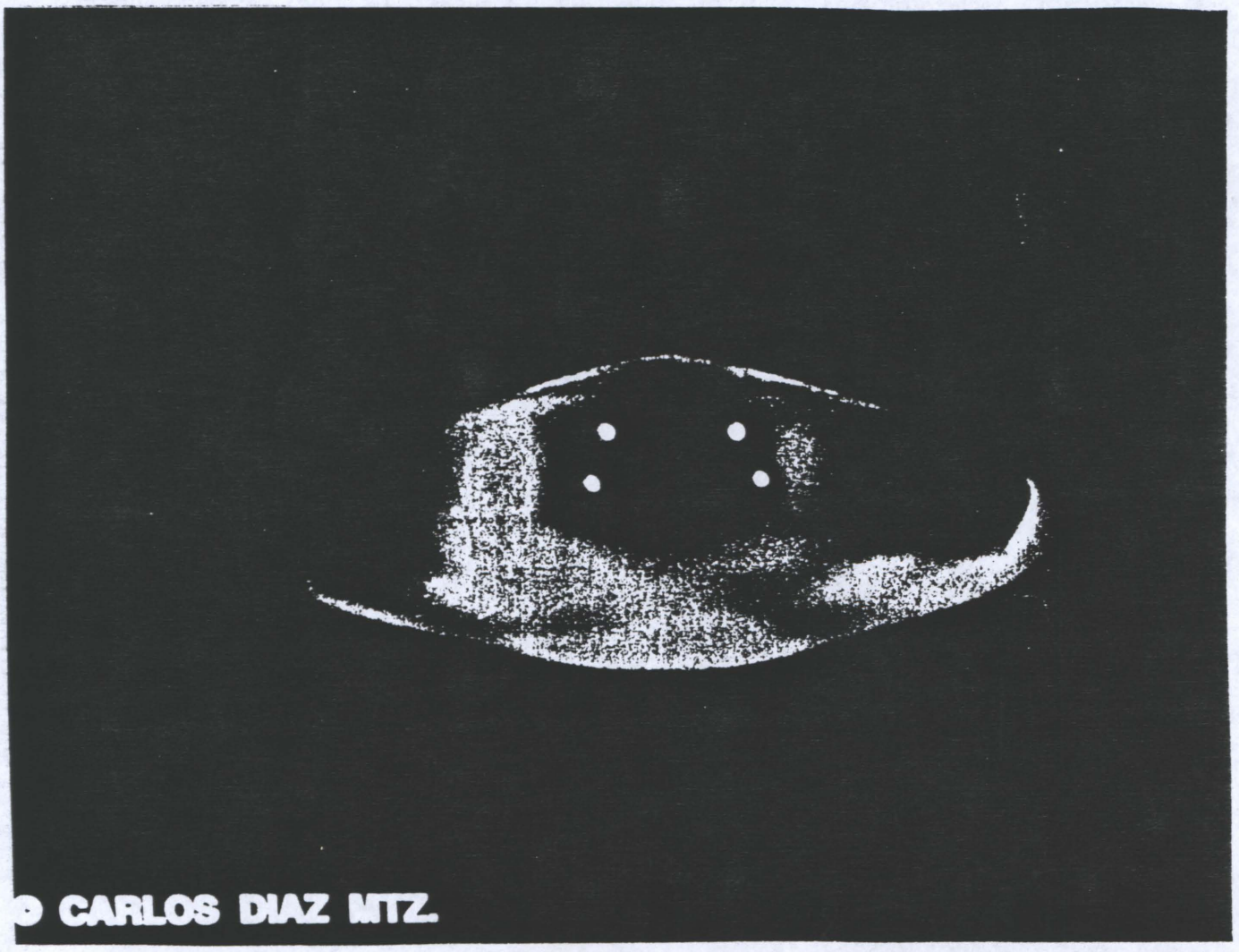


Photo 2

ENCOUNTERS MAGAZINE SCOOPS "AURORA" PHOTO?

The recent launch of ENCOUNTERS *("the world's most paranormal magazine")* has had something of a mixed reception by serious UFO researchers. It appears that "Encounters" (price £2.99) has been produced to cash in on the current public interest in UFO's and is another glossy coloured magazine in direct competition to the Quest "UFO Magazine" (price £1.75).

The February 1996 issue of "Encounters" has printed a series of articles dealing with a variety of subjects ranging from *psychic encounters, rock groups, crop circles, reading tarot cards and ufo incidents.*

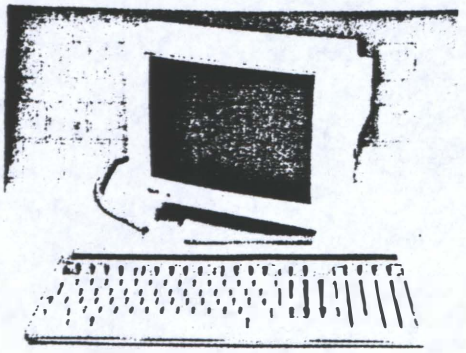
The brash colour of the magazine is eye-catching , but the accuracy of their presentation leaves something to be desired. On page 8 under the heading "Autopsy Goes Sour" they cover the doubts expressed by Graham Birdsall (Editor of UFO Magazine) over the authenticity of the Ray Santilli alien autopsy film, *but the photo shown is of an alien dummy exhibited at a Canadian UFO exhibition and not the "Roswell" alien.*

Page 9 recounts "Blazing Plane Riddle Of North Yorkshire" and is accompanied by a photograph of a twin engined yellow monoplane, quite pretty, but it has no connection with the report. On pages 10/11 under "Readers Stories" there is an article on area 51 "a report on factual information", but what's new? The majority of *facts* could have been read seven years ago in Timothy Good's excellent best seller "Above Top Secret". This article is followed closely by a Flying Triangle report from Scotland, with an accompanying photograph of what appears to be an American Chance-Vought "Crusader" aircraft (no connection with the story). Even the psychic stories suffer the same fate! "The Maori Ghost Tribe" story, (New Zealand) is accompanied by a photograph of a black warrior with a feathered headress who is almost certainly a native of New Guinea (still it's more or less the same ocean).

With a variety of advertisements ranging from, "legal highs that actually work" & "X - Files" Mug, £5 + £1 p&p , the "Encounters" magazine comes over as a colourful picture magazine that should not be taken too seriously. However it did have one saving grace....it published a readers photograph, taken on the 27th September 1995 at 6.45pm at Sandymouth, Bude, Cornwall, by holidaymaker Dave Morris. The photograph shows a flight of four aircraft, a KC 139 Strato-Tanker refuelling a triangular shaped aircraft, accompanied by two F1-11 "chase" planes. This is a similar scene to that reported by a Scottish worker on an oil-platform in the North Sea, a year or so ago. Could this be the *non-existent* **AURORA !** (Artists impression below)

The Evening Sky

January 1996



January evenings offer clear skies, extended hours of darkness and are ideal for observing the splendour of the heavens, except for the cold. If you do stay out under the stars for long, or even short periods of time you must take adequate precautions and wrap up and keep warm. I wear arctic winter gear, so I am very comfortable for over-night observation and shorter periods.

Star gazing, to the unaided eye is dramatically colourful: the butter yellow of Capella, the red warmth of Betelgeuse and the frosty blue of Sirius. These delightful contrasts are the first impressions that strike the eye after several minutes of staring up at the winter night darkness.

We must try and recapture that heightened sense of wonder and mystery from naked eye gazing at the universe. Glimpses of elusive mists and wisps of light among the stars create a subliminal, awesome presence. The distant cosmos with its ghostly hints of nebulous patches will evoke, if you let it, the same primeval wonder that you first experienced when viewing the heavens as a child.

The 20th century has robbed us of our archetypal feelings for nature and we have lost so much through so called civilisation. Go out into the night and shake off the shackles of stifled conventional thinking. Find the primitive in your self and choose to be close to nature and to the stars.

For the professional astronomer modern computer technology is, indeed, an indispensable tool. But the idea of viewing for hours at a stretch, a simulated version of the evening sky is so absurd as to be almost grotesque.

I say this because just as television and video games have drawn a generation of children indoors and away from the real experience, so too, computer technology is drawing many away from the real heavens and indoors to the computer terminal.

Recently, I spoke to a group of astronomers, including professionals who held posts in astrophysics. Many thought it rather amusing that I actually stood under a star studded sky and gazed. Many of these professionals could only identify familiar sky objects by looking at the label on their computer screens. Many professional astronomers, who should be our leaders and standard bearers are now so distant from the real joy of observing - being close to nature; and their jargon ridden, Wittgensteinian closed language games, not only isolate and separate them, but turn the populace away from science.

I say go out under the night sky, smell the frozen Earth and look at the Evening Sky with your heart as well as your intellect. We may be the last 'civilised' generation to do so before the ubiquitous human-machine interface destroys all in us that makes us human.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

Barry Parkinson

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Town divided over Jesus image rock

Shropshire Star – 23 December 1995

An image of Jesus found on a rock has brought neither peace nor goodwill to the people of the Australian wheat-belt town of Beverley this Christmas.

A deep rift has emerged between believers and doubters since local businessman Julian Webb said he saw the image of Christ's face mystically appear on a slab of granite at his farm six weeks ago, 87 miles east of Perth.

Attitudes among the 1,400 townsfolk vary. Some think they have beheld a miracle, others think it is a hoax and a tourist trap. There is a growing and uneasy feeling that the rest of Australia is laughing at them.

Rumours abound that a wealthy American is preparing to buy the newfound relic, together with up to half the town; that the face fulfills an Aboriginal elder's 15-year-old prediction: and that it is somehow linked to other phenomena such as crop circles and mysterious lights that appear over the town.

The divide between the sceptics and the faithful has soured relations in a way no worldly controversy has in the past.

"It's because of the religion thing that gets people's backs right up," said Ray Dickie, the doubting publican of the suitably secular Freemasons Hotel.

"If it was a nugget of gold someone found you could say 'That's a fake' or 'It's got to be a plant' and you'd be entitled to your own opinion," Dickie said.

Dickie lamented that of the thousand-plus pilgrims and tourists who visited the rock last weekend, when it was displayed at the Beverley Town Hall, none showed an interest in drinking.

A 93-year-old woman was reportedly driven for six hours to see the rock.

Another tourist couple with four children had ordered a single piece of fish and a portion of chips for lunch during their pilgrimage to Beverley.

"It had cost them all their money to drive here and I'd hate to think those poor people had been tricked or cheated for their faith," said one critic.

Local professional psychic Roma Paton has examined the energy fields of the miracle rock and doubts it is a hoax.

"Its energy field is very different from granite. I sensed no density from the rock or the quarry around it," she said.

"If it is a hoax, then that doesn't explain the strange light my husband and I saw over Beverley the night it was found or the crop rings which appeared three weeks earlier."

She had also heard an Aboriginal elder predicted

Julian Webb with the slab of granite he claims shows the face of Jesus.

Evening Newspaper of the Year

Evening News

Norwich, Saturday, November 11, 1995 27p

UFO mystery baffles city

NORWICH was today at the centre of a baffling UFO mystery over this spectacular picture which has gripped the nation.

The silent, biscuit-shaped object was captured by stunned Glen Webster on his camcorder in the sky above Mile Cross.

Experts are now examining the tape in a bid to discover exactly what 32-year-old Glen saw from his window.

The unemployed painter and decorator today revealed reading the Evening News prompted him to tell of his sighting.

The amazing film has surfaced just days after we told how motorist Nick Colman was tracked by a mysterious light near Aylsham.

The sightings have reopened the UFO debate and left everyone wondering if there really is something out there.

Glen scrambled across his room to grab his camcorder and capture the mystery object, zig-zagging above his home.

He ran outside to get a better shot before it headed off towards Great Yarmouth. But he did not even look at it again until after he had filmed bonfire night celebrations.

by GREG MILAM and STEVE SILK

Father-of-two Glen, of Appleyard Crescent, said: "If it hadn't been for the stories in the Evening News, I wouldn't have had the confidence to tell anyone about it.

"I had got the camcorder for bonfire night and it was only when I was showing the tape to my parents that they convinced me to tell someone," he said.

"When I zoomed in on the shape I couldn't believe it. I moved forward and tripped over my hi-fi. It made no sound and I gasped when I saw it shoot towards the moon.

"I have always been a bit sceptical about this type of thing but this was simply amazing.

Wife Lesley said: "We have had loads of UFO investigators around here since it happened."

The specialists noticed two smaller background objects which could also be UFOs.

The minute-long film shows a black object in three segments passing across the yellow axe-head shape. It spins rapidly before zooming into the night.

The film original, which has already been copyrighted, has been sent to UFO boffins.

Experts say it bears a striking similarity to a sighting in New Zealand in 1978.

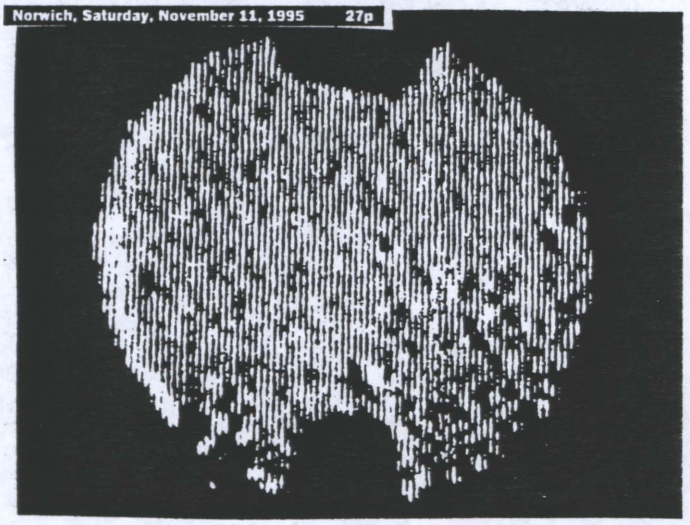
Glen's sighting is being linked with two others on the same night revealed by the Evening News this week.

A man called Yarmouth police after seeing a strange spinning disc over Freethorpe and computer engineer Mr Colman told how a bright light followed his car.

Expert Ian Simmons, British editor of the Fortrean Times, which records strange phenomena, watched the video.

"The object does not behave like anything we know about. It is unidentifiable and this is a very interesting sighting."

■ **"We are not crackpots" — page 15.**



SPOOKY: the image captured by Glen Webster on his camcorder in the sky over Norwich. Experts say the UFO does not behave like anything they know about.

AMAZING FOOTAGE: Glen Webster with the camcorder he used to capture the silent biscuit-shaped object over his Mile Cross home.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR READERS

From: **Ian Read: Director UFON UK.** "Thank you for the OVNI, I really enjoy it.",

Carregal do Sal, (Portugal), 19th July 1965. A strange glowing *Flying Triangle* was seen over the town for a period of 21 nights, it always appeared about 9.00pm.

Vila Franca-Azores (Portugal), 5th February 1978 . A *Flying Triangle* was seen hovering over the area. It was approximately 880 metres up and was grey in colour.

Gary, Indiana, USA. At 8.32pm on the 27th March 1986 two people reported seeing a large *Flying Triangle* with coloured lights. The *FT* was travelling very fast and then came to a sudden stop and was stationary for about 30 seconds. The witnesses, who were only 300yds away, said that the *FT* was larger than an airliner and made no sound.

From: **Dominic Beglin, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Cheshire.**
At approximately 12.15am on 29th July 1995, five witnesses at **Low Bradfield Village,** sighted a *Triangular* object, "far bigger than a commercial airliner", travelling from North to South over the valley. It was described as flying *flat side forward* and making a low humming noise. It had a red light at each corner.

Shortly afterwards, an orange/amber ball of light flew across the area towards the horizon, it then stopped and released a small red ball of light which rapidly travelled in an upward direction. Both objects then disappeared. An orange ball of light was later observed travelling from South to North and *pursued by two aircraft.* The ball of light accelerated away as all the objects disappeared over the horizon.

From : **Andy Emmerson PSC (Mansfield)** :
We are investigating a report by some young lads that a glowing object was seen descending into **Cuckney Woods,** near Bramfield, last February . Daryl Spence and I have visited the woods recently, where we found an area surrounded by trees showing scorch marks on the side facing a clearing.

The pine trees around the clearing have scorch marks on one side up to a height of six and a half feet. We have also been told that there has been military activity in the area and that the top soil in the vicinity of the clearing has been removed. We have taken samples from the burnt trees and our investigation is continuing.

From **CENAP Germany** *(Central European Investigation Network for Aerial Sky Phenomenon).* " Thank you for the exchange of magazines. There are very interesting reports in the OVNI, which reaches me without any problems. Engelbert Aviles.

From **Victor J. Kean (Berlin).** I have received FT *(Flying Triangle)* data which reports 31 visits of the FT's over **Sizewell Nuclear Power Plant** between Jan.3rd and June 30th 1995.

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TALE ENDERS

VENUS has been responsible for several UFO reports in the local area during late December. Thanks to our new computer *Night Sky* programme, we have been able to identify the culprit within a few minutes.

A GLOWING BALL OF LIGHT seen at 1.15am on the 30th December last year, followed a car driven by a witness who had just finished shift work in Derby and was on his way home to Heanor. "At one point, it came to within 500yds of me" stated the witness, who wishes to remain anonymous.

EMUFORA (Nottingham) are holding their next meeting on **February 12th** commencing 7.30pm, at the Old Basford Centre, Davids Lane, Basford, Nottingham. An "open" evening, with new video footage of recent events.

THE SPHINX may still have a few secrets up its sandy sleeve, according to the *all seeing* Terry Walters. He has just returned from a visit to a number of ancient Egyptian sites, made at the request of Robert Beaville (of "Orion Mystery" fame). Terry has related how on a visit to the Sphinx, he was shown a line of hieroglyphics. However, the Egyptologists had a problem, a section of the message was damaged and could not be deciphered. Terry looked at the missing section and then described what had been there originally....two eyes, two snakes, a hare etc., etc., . Apparently his scientific companion was astounded, as he did a quick translation! The missing piece of script read : **"In the beginning, we came from the stars".**

If Terry is correct, then the scientific community could be in for a shock. We understand that Reg Presley (of "The Troggs") is extremely interested in the new discoveries and might well be planning a visit to Egypt and to sink some of his newly acquired ("Three Weddings and a Funeral") wealth into future excavations.

JIMMY CARTER is in the news again! The ex-president was recently shown in a film clip on TV's *"The Paranormal World Of Paul McKenna"*. US President Jimmy Carter speaking about his 1969 UFO sighting, said "I was with 20 other men when we saw a bright light in the sky. It got closer and when it was just above the trees, it changed colour, I still don't know what it was!"

DISTURBING TRENDS are mentioned in the *UFO INTELLIGENCE NEWSLETTER* (USA: December 95 issue):- UFO-related newsletters and journals are starting to die. UFO's are no longer in the news!

(Strange words indeed....do they know something we don't? Ed.)

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